

# Jack the Whistle and the Hammer

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On that long linin' day, all work and little to no good pay  
When that sun go away they all come to hear the duo play  
They call him whistle because of the way he sings  
and the hammer, because of the way he swing  
they did a little bit of Rosie too, Long John, and the Old Grey Goose  
Up on the river they would jump and shout  
you could see the whole company bouncing  
a little rhythm and melody, up jumped the devil and held on me  
Jack the whistle and the hammer  
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Had to listen til the moon went down  
Tick tock the rhythm went all night long  
Tell me now, have you heard  
sweet sound better than a songbird  
Like that steam engine blow, rhythm of the Northern Ohio  
I bet you never even seen a hammer swing  
hit a line on the track and make a bell ring  
nobody knew his given name, but they knew him well just the same  
Up on the river he and Jack would lead  
the whole company up on their feet there  
tryin to shake off the workin week, two step a swinging in howlin heat  
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